

REMARKS

The present application is subject to an Office Action dated April 27, 2010. In the Action, the Examiner acknowledged the February 18, 2010 filing of the Supplemental Amendment After Final Rejection and Request for Continued Examination. The Examiner noted withdrawal of non-elected claims 1 and 69-82 from consideration; noted allowance of claims 99-101, 114 and 117; objected to claims 121 and 122 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all base claim and intervening claim limitations. The Examiner rejected claims 49, 51, 88, 89, 92, 94-98, 113, 116, 119, 120 and 123-130 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Fay (U.S. Patent No. 3,205,837) in view of Fay (U.S. Patent No. 4,957,425).

Notwithstanding the allowance of certain subject matter, prior claims 1-130 have been cancelled without prejudice to the subject matter therein. Such cancellation is without prejudice to future prosecution of allowable claims or withdrawn claims and is not to be deemed an acquiescence in the prior art rejections. Rather, new claims 131-138 have been added. It is believed that no new matter has been added. Based upon the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Entry of a Notice of Allowance of claims 131-138 is respectfully solicited.

In the event there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (000023.0122). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Dated: July 26, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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